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1. Prior to the summer of 1951, a unit with red-bordered black collar patches was quartered in the Na Slovaneck Barracks in southeastern Plzen (N 50/L Oh). (1) Another unit with the same service color was observed in a barracks installation near the market square. (2) An infantry unit and an air force unit with dark-bordered blue collar patches were quartered in the Na Borech Barracks in the southern sector of Plzen. (3) In the summer of 1951, a Soviet officer with red service color was seen in Plzen. He was the first Soviet officer observed there.
2. On 1 May 1951, the Armastav construction firm was established in Plzen from remnants of the former Cs. stavebni zavody (CsSZ - Czech Construction Firm) and placed directly under the jurisdiction of the Construction Section of the HVO. Major Dostal, (fnu), in Prague was HVO liaison officer to the Armastav firm. The workers of this firm were estimated at 3,000, about 2,000 of whom were soldiers, most of them personnel of technical service battalions. Many of the engineers' positions were held by officers. It was intended to replace eventually all civilian employees with military personnel. (4)
3. A planning section worked in conjunction with the Armastav firm in Plzen. The subordination of the section was unknown. It consisted exclusively of officers all of whom were construction engineers. Staff Captain Jaroslav Brunat was the head of the section.
4. The Armastav firm and the military subdistrict headquarters worked in close cooperation. Lieutenant Colonel Riha, (fnu), was the head of the construction section of the headquarters. Other officers of the construction section were Major Zlabek, (fnu), Major Hruby, (fnu), and Staff Captain Lanca, (fnu). No Soviet officers were observed in connection with the Armastav firm.
5. In early August 1951, the construction of a fuel depot southwest of Plzen, in the woods immediately west of the Valcha railroad station, was begun under the direction of the Armastav firm, but only the excavation had been completed by the end of August. No details were known. Reconstruction was completed and a new road built by the Armastav firm in the large ammunition dump south of the military airfield.

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6. In the spring of 1951, it was learned that garages for motor vehicles or SP guns were constructed in Strasice (N 50/L 34). About 80 SP guns were allegedly stationed in Strasice. In February 1951, [REDACTED] for a fuel depot which was to be constructed in Strasice with greatest speed. The plans included a design for a tank with a diameter of about 14 meters and a height of about 2.5 meters, which was to be only 25 cm above ground. The walls of the container were to be of reinforced concrete. The same type of tank was to be constructed with varying measurements throughout Czechoslovakia. (5)

25X1A 7. In the summer of 1951, [REDACTED] the construction of a barracks installation had been begun southwest of Janovice nad Uhlavou (N 50/U 99) in June. The first floor of a horseshoe-shaped building was completed as early as August 1951. The entire installation was allegedly to be completed in November 1951. (6)

8. Since the summer of 1950, standard apartment houses for officers had been constructed in Pizen-Bory, Pizen-Slovany, Kasperske Hory (N 50/Q 27), Cusice (N 50/Q 28) and Strasice.

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(1) According to a report of December [REDACTED] the 155th AAA Regt, a motor transport battalion and an engineer unit, probably the 3d Motor Transport Bn and the 7th Engr Bn, were located in the Na Slovaneck Barracks. The 105th Art Regt is also carried there. The AAA regiment and the mortar regiment have red-bordered black collar patches.

(2) Possibly the so-called 35th Regt Barracks, in which a unit with red-bordered black collar patches was reported in May 1951. [REDACTED]

25X1A (3) The headquarters and one or two battalions of the 11th Inf Regt are carried in Pizen. [REDACTED]. The units mentioned in the present report are probably components of this regiment.

(4) The Krovostar firm, which constructed military and pertinent buildings exclusively, was also established in Olomouc on 1 May 1951. [REDACTED] It is possible that such military construction firms were also established in other areas.

(5) There is a troop training grounds at Strasice which is used primarily by armored units. The fuel depot probably serves the units which are practicing or stationed at the training grounds. The 23d Tank Brig is carried in Strasice.

(6) The barracks installation is probably being built for the 23d Inf Regt, which was reportedly scheduled to move from Myrsko to Janovice.

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